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U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/288,159 filed November 4, 2002, by Richard J. Ogle et al. for "POSITIONING SYSTEM FOR AN AUTOMATIC ACCUMULATION SYSTEM."

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/288,219 filed November 4, 2002, by Ronald E. Kelbert et al. for "METERING DRUM FOR AN AUTOMATIC ACCUMULATION SYSTEM."

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/288,647 filed November 4, 2002, by Thomas R. Holston et al. for "ORIENTATION DETECTION AND CONTROL SYSTEM."

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/288,649 filed November 4, 2002, by Richard J. Ogle et al. for "CONVEYOR SYSTEM FOR AN AUTOMATIC ACCUMULATION SYSTEM."

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/288,650 filed November 4, 2002, by Steven A. Hellmann et al. for "AUTOMATIC REPACKING AND ACCUMULATION SYSTEM."

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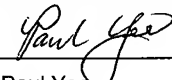
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